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To Whom It May Concern:

I am honored to have the opportunity to express my strong support to the Rialto Theatre as they apply for funding. This past November, the residents of Deer Lodge experienced a tragic loss, when the historic Rialto Theatre burned down.

The Rialto Theatre has been a landmark in Deer Lodge for 85 years. Built in 1921, its historical and aesthetic value is equal to its functional value as a community center. The magnificent theatre's original style and design was maintained for decades of enjoyment by the residents of Deer Lodge.

Now the community has lost this remarkable theatre that stood as a tribute to the history of Deer Lodge and a celebration of the present while fully functioning as a modern performing arts center and movie screening theatre. The next step for this community is to rebuild what they have lost. As demonstrated by their past coordination, commitment and dedication to the Rialto Theatre, the community of Deer Lodge is certainly a deserving group of people who will work together to bring back their beloved theatre.

Again, this project carries with it my full support, and I hope you will consider their application favorably. Please feel free to contact my office if I can provide any additional information. I also would greatly appreciate if you kept my office informed about the status of this request.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



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